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SUBJECT: FY89 SCP FOR AFGHANISTAN: "U.S. POLITICAL PROCESSES
AND INSTITUTIONS": MAY 22 - JUNE 17, 1989

1. FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SUBJECT SINGLE-COUNTRY
GROUP PROJECT AS DEVELOPED BY THE PROGRAM AGENCY, THE ACADEMY
FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION
WITH THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS AND FORWARD ANY REQUESTS FOR
CHANGES TO E/VGN (SCHM) ERER ASAP:

2. WASHINGTON, D.C. (MAY 22 - 25, 1989):

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THREE DAYS,
TO INCLUDE ORIENTATION AND SEMINARS INTRODUCING THEM TO U.S.
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM, THE ELECTION
PROCESS, AND THE MULTI-CULTURAL NATURE OF U.S. SOCIETY. ON
THE MORNING OF MAY 22, USIA AND AED STAFF WILL WELCOME THE
PARTICIPANTS AND DISCUSS THE PROJECT'S ADMINISTRATIVE
DETAILS, GOALS, ACTIVITIES, AND CALENDAR. THE STATE
DEPARTMENT WILL BE ASKED TO HOST A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE
PARTICIPANTS WITH INVITEES TO INCLUDE A VARIETY OF PERSONS
INVOLVED IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS. A TOUR OF WASHINGTON WILL TAKE
PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON, TO INCLUDE STOPS AT THE NATIONAL
ARCHIVES, NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ILLUSTRATE THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY
OF THE CITY, THE SUPREME COURT, THE CAPITOL, THE WHITE HOUSE
AND THE ISLAMIC CENTER.

DURING THEIR INITIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS
WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH DR. KARL CERNEY,
PROFESSOR AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, TO DISCUSS THE U.S.
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE DIFFUSION OF
POWER, THE OPENNESS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT AND THE
SEARCH FOR CONSENSUS IN DECISION-MAKING. ADDITIONALLY, THERE
WILL BE A SESSION COVERING THE ROLE OF FREE ELECTIONS AND THE
POLITICAL SELECTION PROCESS. A PANEL DISCUSSION WILL ALSO BE
INCLUDED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS SUCH
AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER
EDUCATION, THE HISPANIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, THE GRAY
PANTHERS AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HANDICAPPED. THE
FOCUS OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE THE MULTI-CULTURAL,
MULTI-FACETED NATURE OF U.S. SOCIETY AND HOW THESE VARIOUS
INTEREST GROUPS HAVE OR HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN ATTAINING
POLITICAL POWER.

3. CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA (MAY 25 - 28 1989):

FOLLOWING A TRAIN RIDE TO CHARLOTTESVILLE ON THE MORNING
OF MAY 25, AN AFTERNOON SESSION WILL INTRODUCE THE
PARTICIPANTS TO THE LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE AND HOW IT
INTERSECTS WITH STATE POLITICS, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CITY
COUNCIL. WHILE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, THEY WILL GO TO THE

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE POLITICAL
CLIMATE THAT PREVAILED AT THE TIME THE U.S. CONSTITUTION WAS
BEING DEVELOPED, AND ON THE BASIC TENETS OF THE FEDERAL
SYSTEM AS ARTICULATED IN THAT DOCUMENT; THERE WILL ALSO BE A
SESSION DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE OF THE COURTS IN
INTERPRETING THE CONSTITUTION. FINALLY, ON SATURDAY, MAY 27,
THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A GUIDED TOUR OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND THOMAS JEFFERSON'S HOME, MONTICELLO.

4. ATLANTA, GEORGIA (MAY 28 - MAY 31, 1989)

IN ATLANTA THE PARTICIPANTS WILL VISIT THE MARTIN LUTHER
KING CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE EBENEZER
BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE THEY WILL HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF ONE OF
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN U.S. HISTORY, THE
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. DURING THE ATLANTA PROGRAM, THEY WILL
VISIT THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT,
WHICH WILL PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY OF VOTER
REGISTRATION AND CONTINUING EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. THEY WILL
ALSO VISIT ONE OF THE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES LOCATED IN
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ATLANTA TO DISCUSS EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND TO
CONTRAST A SMALL PRIVATE INSTITUTION WITH THE LARGER STATE
UNIVERSITY THEY WILL VISIT IN OMAHA. WHILE IN ATLANTA WE
HOPE TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE VISITORS AND MAYOR
ANDREW YOUNG (OR MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF) TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF
AN URBAN MAYOR. THERE WILL ALSO BE A REQUEST FOR HOME
HOSPITALITY IN ATLANTA FOR EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

5. SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 1989):

DURING THEIR STAY IN SACRAMENTO THE GROUP WILL ATTEND A
SESSION AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS
OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE POWERS OF THE STATES
RELATIVE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL ALSO OBSERVE
THE LEGISLATURE IN ACTION, ATTEND A SESSION ON HOW BILLS ARE
RESEARCHED AND DRAFTED, AND VISIT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES IN
SESSION. THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE OFFICE OF A PROMINENT
POLITICIAN TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS
ON BOTH THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. PARTICIPANTS WILL
THEN TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR A
WEEKEND OF RELAXATION AND SIGHTSEEING.

6. OMAHA, NEBRASKA (JUNE 5 - JUNE 10, 1989):

ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO
OMAHA, NEBRASKA. A KEY TO THIS COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT IS THE
CENTER FOR AFGHANISTAN STUDIES AT THE OMAHA CAMPUS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THEIR STAY,
THE PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET WITH DEAN THOMAS GOUTIERRE OR A
MEMBER OF HIS STAFF FOR A ONE-DAY SEMINAR TO DISCUSS THE
CENTER AND THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS
AND THE CENTER'S STAFF. THE SESSION WILL ALSO REVIEW THE
U.S. POLITICAL PROCESSES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
OBSERVED AND DISCUSSED TO THAT POINT IN THE VISIT.

IN OMAHA PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
TRAVEL TO FARMS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, IN THE NEARBY
COUNTRYSIDE. THE PURPOSE WILL BE TO FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE AS
AN EXAMPLE OF A LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUE THAT HAS BECOME
NATIONAL IN SCOPE. ITS "POLITICAL" ASPECTS WILL BE EXAMINED
WITH FARMERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

ADDITIONALLY, PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET KEY PERSONNEL
COVERING POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS AT THE OMAHA WORLD-
HERALD TO DISCUSS HOW POLITICAL ISSUES AND CAMPAIGNS ARE
COVERED BY A LARGE NEWSPAPER AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND
INFORMATION WITH REPORTERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT EVENTS IN
AFGHANISTAN.

PARTICIPANTS WILL THEN TRAVEL THE SHORT DISTANCE TO THE
STATE CAPITAL, LINCOLN, TO LEARN ABOUT NEBRASKA'S UNIQUE
UNICAMERAL STATE GOVERNMENT AND ITS NON-PARTISAN STATE

ELECTIONS; HOME HOSPITALITY WILL BE ARRANGED WITH STATE
SENATORS AND OTHER POLITICIANS. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL RETURN
TO OMAHA FOR A SESSION TO REVIEW THEIR EXPERIENCES IN
NEBRASKA AND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

7. NEW YORK, NEW YORK (JUNE 10 - 13, 1989):
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL TRAVEL TO
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NEW YORK CITY. ON SUNDAY THEIR INTRODUCTION TO NEW YORK WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO A MOSQUE, GENERAL SIGHTSEEING, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A CULTURAL EVENT. THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY WILL VISIT FREEDOM HOUSE INTERNATIONAL TO DISCUSS ITS AFGHAN PROJECT AND TAKE A TOUR OF THE UNITED NATIONS; INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED FOR THIS DAY, FOLLOWED BY TRAVEL BY TRAIN TO WASHINGTON, D. C., LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

8. WASHINGTON, D. C. (JUNE 13 - 16, 1989):

DURING THEIR FINAL WEEK IN WASHINGTON THE PARTICIPANTS WILL VISIT THE VOICE OF AMERICA (WHICH MAY INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS, WITH THEIR CONSENT), AND THE WIRELESS FILE. THEY WILL VISIT THE SUPREME COURT FOR A BRIEFING ON THE ROLE OF THE COURT. A MEETING WITH A PROMINENT POLITICIAN, SUCH AS SENATOR GORDON HUMPHRIE (OR A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF) WILL ALSO BE PLANNED. VISITS TO CAPITOL HILL OFFICES WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN AFGHAN AFFAIRS.

THE GROUP WILL ATTEND A DAILY PRESS BRIEFING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE WHITE HOUSE, TO ILLUSTRATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE U. S. PRESS IN COVERING THE GOVERNMENT, AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A FREE AFGHANISTAN. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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